

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown below:

1.-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A process for the production of the finely divided, readily dispersible hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica in the form of aggregates having a tamped density of 55 to 200 g/l as claimed in claim 1, consisting of comprising hydrophobizing pyrogenically produced silica by reaction with a halogen-free silane and then compacting said silica with means consisting of a roller compactor or ~~by~~ a belt filter press ~~to thereby obtain a tamped density of 55 to 200 g/l.~~

6.-12. (Cancelled)